CLAIMS

- 1. A warm molding raw material powder in powder metallurgy, whereincomprising a composition of hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of from 5 μ m to 100 μ m is in a range of from 0.3 wt% to 2 wt%.
- 2. A warm molding raw material powder in powder metallurgy, whereincomprising a composition of a hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of from 5 µm to 100 µm is in a range of from 0.5 wt% to 2 wt%.
- 3. The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 1—02, wherein a lubricant having a melting point below a warm molding temperature is not contained.

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- 4. The warm molding raw material powder according to any one of Claim 1 to 3, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid salt is a hydroxy stearic acid salt.
- 20 5. The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 4, wherein the hydroxy stearic acid salt is hydroxy lithium stearate.
- 6. The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 5, wherein the hydroxy lithium stearate is 12-hydroxy lithium stearate.

7. A warm molding method performed by comprising the step of using the warm molding raw material powder according to any one of ClaimsClaim 1 to 6.

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- 8. The warm molding method according to Claim 7, wherein, in powder metallurgy, after a hydroxy fatty acid salt having an average particle diameter of 50 μ m or less is attached on a mold, <u>further comprising the step of performing</u> warm molding <u>is performed</u> in the mold.
- 9. The warm molding method according to Claim 8, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid salt is a hydroxy fatty acid lithium.

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- 10. The warm molding method according to Claim 9, wherein the hydroxy fatty acid lithium is hydroxy lithium stearate.
- 20 11. The warm molding raw material powder according to Claim 10, wherein the hydroxy lithium stearate is 12-hydroxy lithium stearate.